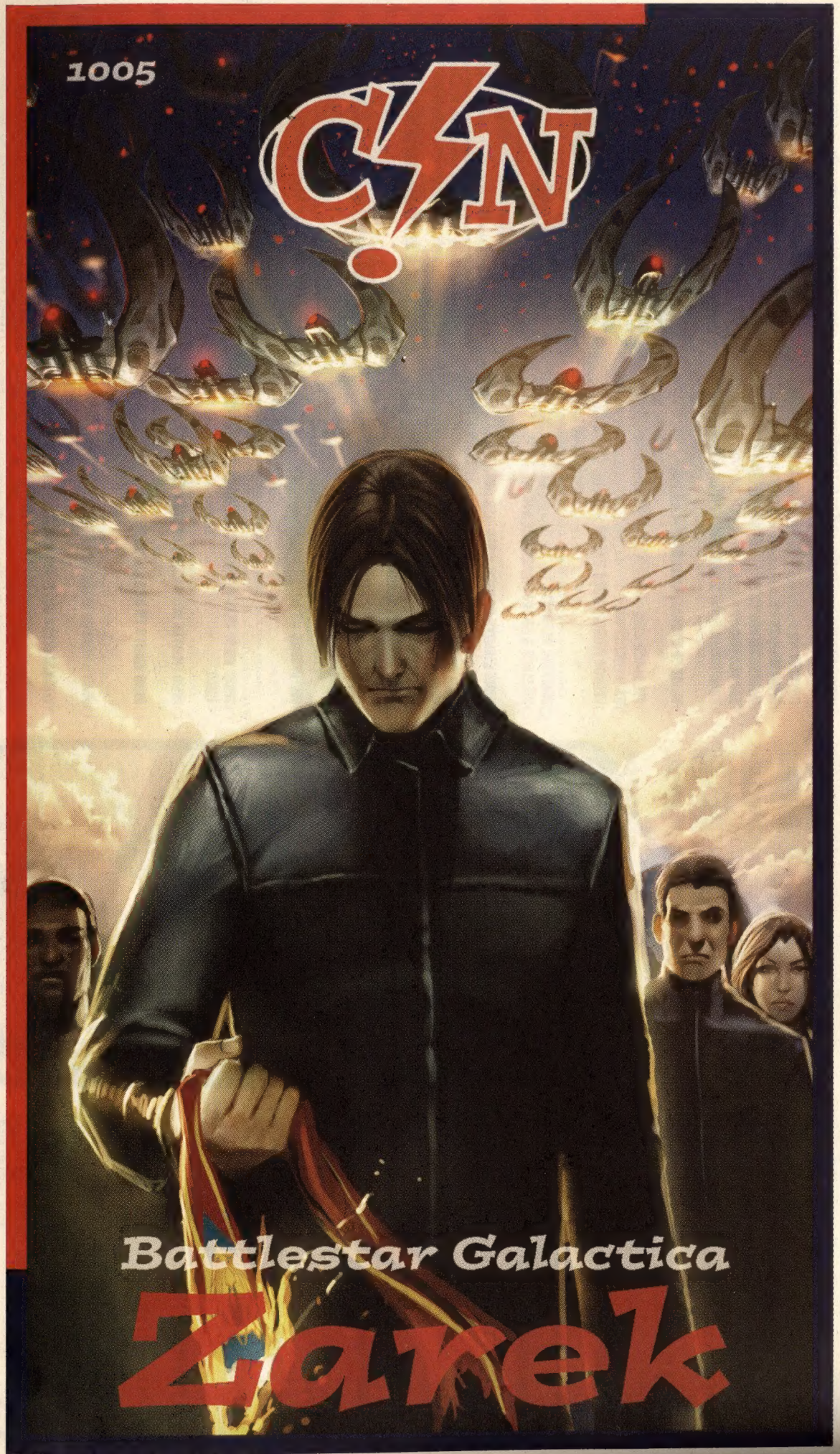
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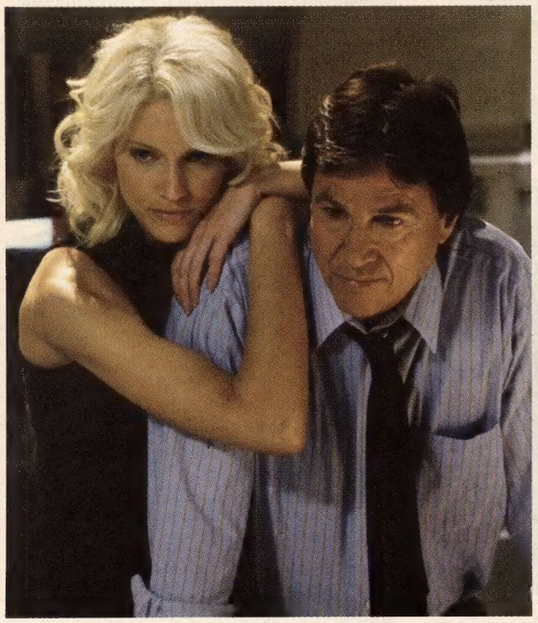
Dynamite Explores The Revolution Within

Apparently, the truism "the pen is mightier than the sword" is one of those aphorisms that can withstand the tests of time and space. We've seen how its proven true in the past; we can witness its truth in contemporary society; and it continues to prove equally valid in the future milieu of ***Battlestar Galactica,*** where the written words of Tom Zarek continue to stir up trouble.



So who is Tom Zarek? Well, among other things, he's the star of a four issue limited series, ***Battlestar Galactica: Zarek.*** So let's turn to miniseries writer *Brandon Jerwa* for more information on the controversial Zarek? "Tom Zarek is a character played by original series actor *Richard Hatch,*" Jerwa explained. "He appears for the first time in a ***Season One*** episode entitled 'Bastille Day.' In that episode, we learn that Tom has been imprisoned for the last twenty years or so after blowing up a government building on his home colony of Sagittaron. Public opinion is pretty clearly divided when it comes to this man and his actions—some consider him a freedom fighter, others think him nothing more than a terrorist.

"Tom and fifteen hundred other prisoners are en route to parole hearings when the Cylons attack the Twelve Colonies. Their prison ship escapes the attack and soon joins up with the rag-tag fleet led by the ***Battlestar Galactica*** in search of the legendary planet Earth. Zarek rallies his fellow prisoners in a planned revolt that results in Lee Adama (son of the Galactica's commander) being taken hostage along with several of his associates. Zarek uses this situation to leverage freedom for his fellow prisoners and democratic elections at the end of the now-deceased President's term, which is being served out by Laura Roslin, who, as secretary of education, is the last surviving political figure in line for the Presidency.

"After the election, Zarek ends up serving as Vice-President to Dr. Gaius Baltar, a human who eventually becomes subservient to the Cylons. The fleet has now settled on a planet they call New Caprica, but the Cylons soon arrive and exert their wills over the humans. That's where ***Season 3*** starts off.... "

Why is Jerwa helming a miniseries spotlighting the troublesome writer/revolutionary? For the author, it's the divergence of viewpoints relating to Zarek's role in the Galacticaverse that makes him so appealing. "Tom Zarek is a deliciously complex character, to say the least. He walks the line between hero and villain, but he's still remarkably consistent in terms of motivation and devotion to his own principles."

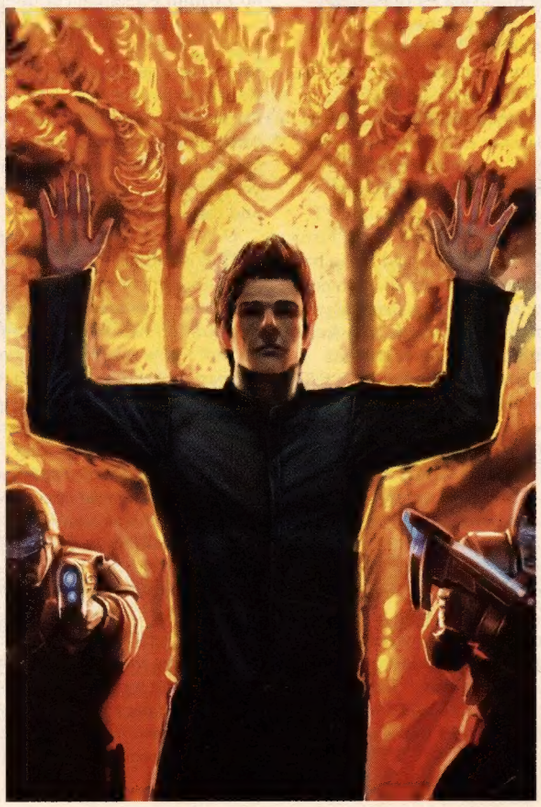
Jerwa is hoping to use this miniseries to answer some questions that weren't fully addressed in the television series. "I'm trying to paint a clearer picture of the circumstances that have led to Zarek's radical attitude, show you the roads he's traveled before reaching the path he's on now."

To help readers understand Zarek, Jerwa will also help them understand more fully the conflicts between the human race and the Cylons—including the significance of the first Cylon War. "The first Cylon War is a backdrop for the working-class drudgery Tom's parents have to live through on Sagittaron. Their colony is widely marginalized by its fellow colonies, offering little more than a virtual slave-state environment for its citizens. Tom will find his roots with two hard-working parents that desperately want to leave a much more rewarding legacy for their only child. To have such love and care in the shadow of a war between machine and man will engender a massive sense of loyalty in Tom...a loyalty to his family, his home colony and the long-suffering citizens who keep it strong."

Some see Zarek as a troublemaker; others see him as a revolutionary; others, a visionary; still others, a terrorist. So which is the real Zarek? "It's simple to me," Jerwa said. "This is a guy who, for better or worse, is pretty sure he's doing the right thing. In my opinion, that's far more intriguing—and dangerous—than a person who's simply cut-and-dried evil."

Will Zarek play a prominent role in the future of ***Galactica***—on television, in comics, or both? "I can't speak for the TV show (although I *do* know a few things that you don't), but I think Tom Zarek definitely has some interesting paths available to him in the comic book world. I don't know if he'll be showing up in *Greg Pak's* monthly series, but I will tell you that I have connected with this character in a way that is really hard for me to shake. I've already written all four issues, but Tom Zarek is staying with me. I really get this guy and I'd love to see more of him."

Lost took series television in a new direction with its non-linear flashback tales exploring the personalities of the series' central characters, revealing how earlier events helped to bring them to the focal point of the series. In many ways, Jerwa is doing the same thing for Zarek with this series. Does he find it particularly rewarding to add new facets to a character in this way? Is there a sense of responsibility in "boldly going where no writer has gone before"? "Honestly? The TV show moves me in a way that no other program—*ever*—has done," Jerwa said. "That may sound like hyperbole, but I think the fans will understand. It reaches and jabs you in the heart, the mind and the imagination. I feel a huge sense of honor and responsibility to know that I'm contributing to this universe that moves me so significantly.



"I can honestly say that, from my point of view, this is by far the best thing I've ever written and it's really almost a 'destined to do this' sort of thing for me, at least in terms of being involved with the comic franchise as a whole. I can't explain it and I'll understand if you laugh at me for that...."

And speaking of ***Lost***--any chance that, like in ***Lost***, we'll see some other synchronicity-links with other elements in the television series? "Oh, sure. There will definitely be some lines drawn to things that are familiar to fans of the TV show, some filling-in of the blanks and all that..."

What about surprise revelations regarding Zarek and his past? "Oh, I think there are certainly some surprising moments. You're not going to find out that Tom Zarek is Baltar's long-lost son or anything like that, though!" Jerwa joked.

Does a series like this require coordination with the producers and writers of the television series? "I know that the few notes I've received on my scripts come *FROM THE OFFICE OF RONALD MOORE,* so I would assume someone closely connected with the show—if not head honcho *Ronald Moore* himself—must be reading all these words I've been toiling over!"

Battlestar Galactica: Zarek #1, the $3.50 kickoff issue of a four-part miniseries, is scheduled for November 29th release. Writer *Brandon Jerwa* is joined by artist *Adriano Batista,* while Batista and *Stjepan Sejic* supply the two covers that are offered in a 50:50 split.

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All Stars Align for Batgirl

Rumors confirmed—Batgirl is on her way back, and she'll be ably assisted by *Geoff Johns & J.G. Jones*, who have been tapped as the creative team for 2007's ***All Star Batgirl***, starring Commissioner Gordon's precocious daughter Barbara as the bat-costumed heroine.

"***All Star Batgirl*** won't be out until the end of next year but in this day and age, since we just got 'official' approval it would've leaked on to the internet anyway so we thought we'd announce early because we're psyched," *Geoff Johns* said. "It's a mystery in the vein of ***Batman: Long Halloween*** that revolves around the 'new' Batgirl, Barbara Gordon. It will be completely from her point-of-view. JG Jones and I are planning on doing the first six issues. We're approaching it like *Jeph Loeb & Tim Sale's* Batman books and *Darwyn Cooke's* ***New Frontier.***

How'd a heroine who hasn't been seen in years end up starring in the fourth ***All Star*** title? "J.G. and I had been watching the finishing line to ***52*** coming up and we were talking about doing something together afterwards. We're about four or five months away now from finishing completely so we finally found the character and story we wanted to tell—a mystery centering around Barbara Gordon's transformation into Batgirl.

"I'd been in discussion for a lot of different ***All Star*** books, and obviously, I'm a big fan of the classic, Silver Age DCU. And like three years ago when they were getting ***All Star Batman & Robin*** going, they asked me to do an arc on Batman and Robin. I wanted to introduce Batgirl, and I had the whole story laid out and was really excited about it but they ended up going a different way.

"So a while later, J.G. Jones and I were talking about working together again. We'd been talking about doing something for a long time, and he'd been working on ***52*** with us, and the Batgirl idea was still with me—to do the origin story of Barbara Gordon as Batgirl. I wanted to do something like Power Girl's arc in ***JSA Classified*** again – and I wanted to do something fun like that, but set in the Bat-universe. It'll still have an edge to it, of course, because it's in Batman's 'world,' but it's really the story of a girl trying to win back her father."

Don't presume that this series will lead to an inevitable paralyzing confrontation with the Clown Prince of Crime. As DC has previously established, ***All Star*** books are not always linked to established DC continuity. "We'll see Batgirl confront the Joker. But our take is supposed to be out and on its own. Again, we want to do something like Grant's doing on ***All Star Superman*** – he and Frank have done their own take on the heroes, sticking very close to the iconic status of them, but they are set in their own universe.

Will the ***All Star*** version of Batgirl have any connection with the ***All Star*** version of Batman and Robin? "Nope. The Superman in ***All Star Batman & Robin*** is totally different from the Superman in ***All Star Superman***. J.G. and I see this as our opportunity to do whatever we want with Batgirl, and it doesn't have to fit in with anything else. Come to think of it, it's probably the first superhero project that I've done that *doesn't* fit into continuity!"

Don't look for Johns to abandon too many elements of the classic Batgirl. "She's going to be Commissioner Gordon's daughter, she's going to have the long red hair and a sense of humor, she's going to have all sorts of tricks that Batman doesn't have. And we're going to have a lot of fun playing with the relationship between Dick and Barbara – that relationship is going to be very different than what people are used to. Her origins, however, will be different... Our story is going to about a girl who is in the shadow of Batman in a lot of different ways, and trying to come out of it."

Artist *J.G. Jones* finds the character of Barbara Gordon particularly appealing. "I like her personality at that point in her history, before she's Oracle," Jones said. "She has so much enthusiasm. I've done characters like Black Widow and Wonder Woman, who are...not dour, but are contained. They keep a lot of their emotion and power locked down and under control. The chance to tell the story of someone who's basically a teenager discovering her ability for the first time, and figuring out how to make that work in the world...it's a totally different mindset for me. It brings a certain freshness. It's like looking at a hero with new eyes.

"She doesn't come to this out of vengeance. She comes to this out of choice, and can therefore make, I think, clearer decisions about why she's doing it, and can sort of see it from the outside, whereas the rest of the family had a horrible tragedy that brought them to the cave," Jones concluded.

Look for ***All Star Batgirl*** in the second half of 2007.

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After Alpha, Omega

Alpha Flight is gone... but that doesn't mean that Canada will be *sans* superteam... not if *Michael Avon Oeming & Scott Kolins* have anything to say about it.

Oeming & Kolins have been confirmed as the creative team for the new ***Omega Flight*** series debuting in 2007, at the end of ***Civil War.*** And they're remaining faithful to the series' ***Alpha Flight*** roots, even down to the Canadian setting. "I couldn't see taking Alpha Flight outside of Canada, you know?" Oeming said. "Maybe international, that might be interesting. But it's set in Canada and within Canadian culture because those are the roots of the team. Even with a mixture of Americans, they are still serving under the Canadian flag, primarily for the Canadian people, but clearly as we have learned from real-life terrorism, border concerns quickly overlap. I think we'll be seeing a team in Flight that works hand in hand, yet completely autonomous with America and the rest of the world."

Don't think of the Americans in this team as "Registration Act" dodgers akin to the draft dodgers of the 1960s. "All I can say is that these guys are *not* dodging the Registration Act. We will see some of that, but not in the members of Omega Flight. A big part of the new book is a reaction or commentary on ***Civil War***—how does the average American react to that? What about the villains? We'll be dealing with that here. When *Mark Millar* first sparked the idea of ***Omega Flight***, it was never about 'running to Canada.' It was about a reaction to ***Civil War***, especially from a world point-of-view.

Oeming felt that, for the book to succeed, it had to be perceived as something more than another shot at Alpha Flight. "Marvel wants to give this the big push, they aren't just bringing back Flight for the hell of it, and this isn't a mini-series or some series they are tossing to the wall to see if it sticks. Marvel wants Flight to be a player in the Marvel Universe, which is why we felt the best way to do that was to start fresh. The name does a lot for that. Its done out of love and hope for the new book, not disrespect for the old. It is, in many ways, Alpha Flight's last chance for the foreseeable future...

"While I promise every issue will have its fair share of superhero action, guys fighting in tights and such, I want to deliver more than that. I think it has to be more 'character' based than 'action' based. There has to be action in every issue, but it has to revolve around character. Flight at its best has always been about the characters. When *[John] Byrne* first did Flight, that's what made it special."

So which heroes will be a part of ***Omega Flight?*** "Alright, I'll do what I can, but I can't give solid answers yet," Oeming said. "The main reason is that fans and doubters alike are having a great time guessing and coming up with great reasons to why their guesses are right and I don't want to ruin that yet. Also, I'll give a scoop here and now - some minor changes are still taking place that could affect the line up. Not in taking people out, but adding someone not in the promo already done!"

The promo art seems to indicate that Beta Ray Bill will be a part of the team—is that correct? "Okay, I'll give this one up because I love you and Beta Ray Bill. Plus, 90% of the posts I read already guessed it... Bill is a character I want to see become a mainstay in the Marvel Universe, not a C-level character who is treated as a joke. My god, he beat up Thor at his strongest!!! And he did it with his own hammer! Sure, he's from space and he has an orange horse skull, but Namor lives under the sea with wings on his ankles and Captain America wears his underwear outside of his tight! So what?"

And speaking of Captain America... is that him depicted on the cover? "Can't say right now, too much speculation. I can promise his involvement is integral to the meaning of the book, and his presence in Flight becomes the glue in more ways than simply tossing this cool character into the book."

And is the Guardian/Vindicator returning to the team? " It's the Guardian/Vindicator *outfit*, that's for sure!" Oeming said with a laugh.

The image also includes a Spider-Womanesque heroine. Who is it? "It's actually Aunt May," Oeming joked. "Doctor Octopus shoots her up with some crazy stuff, trying to use Parker DNA to reverse engineer Spider-Man and actually creates a stronger, younger Aunt May in this new incarnation of Spider-Woman."

And what about the final figure? Is that Storm, Talisman, Snowbird, or someone new? "I'll say that she is the strongest link to Flight's past, spiritually inheriting the team... Oh crap, that could be either character, can't it? Or maybe that's really the Aunt May character?"

Will Marvel's most famous Canadian hero also play a part in the story? "I'm sure I'll drag Wolvie into the book at some point... the best thing would be that his appearance would actually be called for!"

Dabel News Delayed

The promised follow-up to last week's cover story on the Dabel Brothers Productions with Marvel has been delayed until next issue, stay tuned...

The following comics and comics-related books are tentatively slated for release on the dates given; if no date is given, the books are tentatively scheduled for release sometime in the month of September. It's very common for items to be delayed for a variety of reasons, so none of these dates are guaranteed. For the latest information on shipping and publishing delays, talk to the friendly folks at the comic shop where you got this issue of CSN! And yes, we are aware that some publishers regularly run an average of a month or so late on many of their titles—nevertheless, we go by the schedules they provide.

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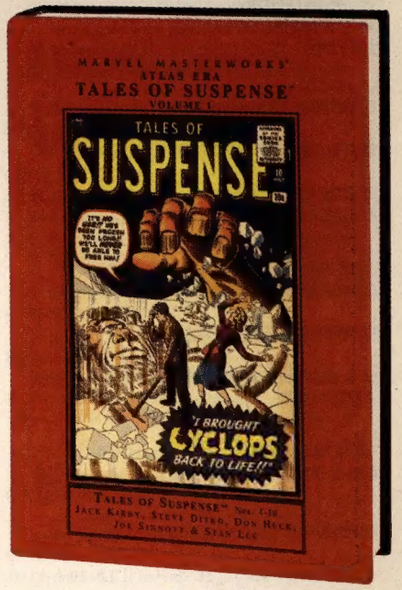

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